

Dear Sen. Krueger,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. I'm Victor Davila and I am a community organizer with THE POINT CDC. I am here as a member of New York Renews, a coalition representing hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers. The CLCPA needs to be implemented in its most aggressive form to make a dent in our state's core problems. The CLCPA can uplift and enhance the lives of every New Yorker while allowing us to dodge the destruction extreme weather will bring us. We have gotten lucky so far, we haven't felt the direct impacts of a powerful storm.

Sandy and Ida caused our infrastructure billions in damages and those storms barely hit us. Against a head-on collision our current infrastructure might as well be wet tissue paper. There is nothing that will halt New York's economic capacity more than being unprepared to evolve towards self-sustainability. There is nothing we can sacrifice for the sake of our literal homes that will be more costly than planning for our future half-heartedly. I encourage you all to ignore false solutions like blue hydrogen, carbon capture and sequestration. Commit to fully implementing the CLCPA because your children have to live in the future you create, give them your all not the bare minimum.

Best,  
Victor Davila

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